



Louise Arbour F.I. Newsletter

February 2025

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Important Dates Coming Up

Feb. 5 - 7 Dental Screening

Feb. 7 - Report Cards go home

Feb. 10 - Grad Photos

Feb. 17 - Family Day

Feb. 18 - Pajama Day

Feb. 21 - Carnaval

Feb. 25 - Superhero Day

Feb. 28 - Popcorn Day
Beach Day

Admin Message

Bonjour!

ADMIN MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of February already! Many exciting events and activities are happening around the school for students. Rehearsals for our High School Musical Junior Show are well underway, the intermediate boys' and girls' volleyball teams have been busy with practices and games, plans for Carnaval are in progress, some of our students are writing the Caribou Math Contest, our grade 8 students are beginning their transitions to High School, and we are looking forward to a whole school Valentine's Day Dance! Louise Arbour is a happening place!

Report Cards

Report cards / Communication of Learning Information go home on Friday, February 7th. We appreciate the time you will take to review your child's report. Communication between home and school is vital to improving student achievement and well-being. Our team looks forward to continuing the dialogue about our students' progress with you.

Parking

We are asking for our community's assistance regarding street parking during arrival and dismissal times. While we understand that the city signage permits street parking during these times, we respectfully request that our families refrain from doing so as it creates significant challenges for our buses that turn left onto Belfield Street. We have reached out to the City of London to ask that the signage be changed. We will keep you informed.

The Louise Arbour Administration Team

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The Musical Cast will be hosting a dance fundraiser for grades 2-8 on Friday, February 14th!

This is the schedule:

10:40-11:30am = grades 3/4 to 5

11:30am-12:15pm = grades 2 to 3

1:10-2:15pm = grades 6 to 8

We will be selling Glow Sticks (2 for \$1), Friendship Bracelets (\$1 each), Heart Lollipops (2 for \$1) and small bags of chips (\$1 each). There will **not** be a donation to enter!

Thank you for your support of the returning Louise Arbour Musical!

Hello LAFI Families!

Carnaval will be taking place on Friday, February 21st. This will be a fun-filled day of outdoor winter activities! Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather, and consider sending extra socks and mitts for them!

Joyeux Carnaval!

~ Your Carnaval Committee



EQAO Math Night for Parents

Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

Register: https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5puRqI8uQJyplaHgBYoBMw



Congratulations to our Girls' and Boys ' volleyball teams for their gold medal wins at the French Immersion Cup organized by West Oaks! Bravo! Best of luck to both teams as our seasons continue into February with more games and tournaments ahead!

ALLEZ LES LOUPS 🐺!



Hello LAFI Families!

February is **Black History Month**, and Louise Arbour students are getting ready to celebrate Black history, culture, and artists throughout the entire month!

The theme for this year's Black History Month is ***"Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations."*** To help teach about Black Legacy, students will be learning about notable Black Canadians in our daily morning announcements. To encourage Black Leadership among our students, we have gathered a keen group of eighth grade students that are going to teach us how to cook traditional meals by creating their own cooking show! We have the sixth grade classes creating dances to songs by Black Francophone musicians, and we are also hoping to share some traditional dances at our monthly assembly to celebrate together as a school.

If there are any families that have favourite traditional recipes that they'd like to share with us, or if anyone would like to come in and cook with our student leaders, we'd love your help! Please send an email to e.singh@tvdsb.ca to organize a date/time that works for a cooking session, or send your recipes in and we will learn how to make them as a team! If you are a dancer and you want to teach a small group of students how to dance, please let us know as well, we'd love to have you in!

We are looking forward to celebrating and uplifting the future generations here at Louise Arbour this February!

~ Goreth Gorira & Eryn Singh

Toonie Tuesday is back at LAFI!

Every single day there are students coming to our schools hungry, without proper clothing, without school supplies and without other basic necessities. The Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF), through its Caring Fund, works diligently to ensure that these students can have their most pressing needs met. Last year the Caring Fund supported 1003 requests, totalling \$337,620, to help our students. Join us to "Give a little, help a lot." Share a toonie (or more). Let us make a difference together.

On Tuesday, February 18th and Tuesday, February 25th, our school will be participating in Toonie Tuesday, a fundraiser encouraging everyone to pitch in a toonie (or more) to help ensure all our students can have their needs met.

Tuesday, February 18 - Pajama Day!

Students can wear their favourite pajamas or comfies to school and donate a toonie (or more).

Tuesday, February 25 - Superhero Day!

Students can dress up as their favourite hero, and they can be a hero by donating a toonie (or more).

The school board is accepting donations for the month of February. You can make donations at school by sending a toonie or more with your child. We are also accepting donations made through School Cash Online**. If you would like to donate \$20 or more and receive a tax receipt, please do so online at www.tvdsb.ca/tvef_donate

** Funds donated through School Cash Online are not eligible for a tax receipt.

Thank you so much for any support you can give!

LAFI Toonie Tuesday Committee



Please take a moment to read the following important information.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCESS

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on TVDSB's Inclement Weather process, as the winter months approach.

What families need to know when severe weather causes bus cancellations and school closures?

During severe winter weather, the safety and security of students and staff is Thames Valley's highest priority. Here is important information for families to remember:

School Closures

- The decision to close a school is based on the best information available to the TVDSB regarding road and weather conditions. There are times when a school may also be closed due to events such as power outages and water main breaks.
- In the event of a school closure, access to virtual learning opportunities will be available to students through their Google Classroom or Brightspace platforms.
- Your child(ren)'s teacher will communicate how students can access this information; if you need more details, please reach out directly to your child's teacher in advance of these potential inclement weather days.

Bus cancellations

- In most cases, when buses are cancelled, **schools remain open**.
- Staff will be available for those students who arrive at school.
- Some families may determine that their children can safely make their way to and from school while other families may wish to keep their children at home.
- Parents/caregivers may drop off/pick-up their children, however, it is **not** an expectation that parents/caregivers transport their children to school in the event of bus cancellations.
- If a student does not attend on inclement weather days, there will be **no** negative impact to their official attendance record.

Notification of Bus Cancellations and School Closures

- It's easy to find out if your school is closed by checking your school or [TVDSB's website](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#) as well as local media in your area.
- **All information about bus delays and cancellations are available on www.mybigyellowbus.ca.**